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SUBJECT: UNESCO HEADQUARTERS COMMITTEE

REFS: (A) STATE 229617, (B) WARVARIV-HEATER TELECON

OF SEPTEMBER 20

1. DURING THE 72ND SESSION OF HEADQUARTERS COMMITTEE
DEPUTY PERMREP MADE STRONG INTERVENTIONS PUTTING U.S.
POSITIONS ON THE RECORD IN OPPOSITION TO
(1) ANY FURTHER EXPANSION OR BUILDING OF A TOTALLY
NEW HEADQUARTERS COMPLEX, BEYOND PRESENT BUILDING VI,
(2) ALLOCATION OF ANY SPACE FOR OR CONSTRUCTION OF A
SWIMMING POOL, AND (3) ALLOCATION OF SPACE FOR OR CON-
STRUCTION OF DAY NURSERY AND KINDERGARTEN FACILITIES AS
UNESCO EXPENSE (SEE REF A).

2. WE ORCHESTRATED U.S. POSITIONS ON ABOVE ISSUES WITH
OTHER FRIENDLY HQ COMMITTEE MEMBERS, PARTICULARLY FRG
AND AUSTRALIA, WHO MADE INTERVENTIONS ALONG SAME LINES.

3. ON AGENDA ITEM "HEADQUARTERS PREMISES -LONG TERM
SOLUTION" THE COMMITTEE AGREED THAT AS A RESULT OF DG'S
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ANNOUNCE POLICY OF (1) GRADUAL STABILIZATION OF THE

SIZE OF THE SECRETARIAT AND (2) FURTHER DECENTRALIZATION POLICY, AS WELL AS (3) TAKING ACCOUNT OF PRESENT ECONOMIC SITUATION PREVAILING IN MEMBER STATES, THE ORIGINALLY PROPOSED LONG-TERM SOLUTION DID NOT HAVE THE CHARACTER OF URGENCY WHICH IT PREVIOUSLY MIGHT HAVE HAD.

4. COMMITTEE WAS IN AGREEMENT ON "SHELVING" THE OTHER TWO ITEMS (SWIMMING POOL AND DAY NURSERY). COMMITTEE'S VIEWS ON ALL ABOVE ITEMS WILL BE PROPERLY REFLECTED IN ITS REPORT TO THE 19TH GENERAL CONFERENCE.

5. THE OTHER ITEM, THAT AROSE RATHER UNEXPECTEDLY, AND WHICH LED TO SOME LENGTHY DEBATE, WAS "APPARTEMENT DE FONCTIONS" FOR THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL, REPORTED IN REF (B). IT WAS PRESENTED BY CHAIRMAN HUMMEL (SWITZERLAND) AS "PERSONAL WISH" OF DG M'BOW WHO, ACCORDING THE HUMMEL, WAS VERY MUCH CONCERNED ABOUT HIS PERSONAL SECURITY "FROM THE PRESENT TENSIONS SURROUNDING UNESCO".

6. WHAT IS AT ISSUE HERE IS AUTHORIZATION FOR THE INSTALLATION OF AN OFFICIAL APARTMENT ON THE UPPER FLOORS OF BUILDING VI, NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION, WITH A FLOOR SPACE OF 350 SQUARE METERS AND AT A MAXIMUM COST OF 830,000 FRENCH FRANCS. THE CHAIRMAN PRESENTED THIS AS A "DELICATE QUESTION" AND PLEADED FOR UNDERSTANDING OF DG'S FEELINGS ON SUBJECT. FURTHERMORE, HE SAID THAT EVEN THOUGH INITIALLY THIS MEANS SOME ADDITIONAL EXPENSE (SEE FIGURE ABOVE), THE DG WILL EVENTUALLY REPAY IT BY MAKING RENT PAYMENTS AMOUNT OF WHICH WILL HAVE TO BE DETERMINED ONCE THE PROJECT IS COMPLETED.

7. WHILE NOT RPT NOT DISAGREEING WITH THE PROJECT IN PRINCIPLE, AND WHILE RECOGNIZING THE DG'S RIGHT FOR HIS PREFERENCE FOR SOLUTION OF HIS PERSONAL SAFETY, DEPUTY PERMREP, SUPPORTED BY FRG, REQUESTED MORE TIME NECESSARY TO CONSULT GOVERNMENTS, SINCE IT DOES INVOLVE AN INCREASE IN THE AMOUNT APPROVED FOR CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDING VI.

8. COMMITTEE AGREED TO POSTPONE FINAL DECISION ON THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ISSUE UNTIL MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 10 A... WHEN THE MEETING WILL RECONVENE TO CONSIDER SUBJECT MATTER.

9. RECOMMENDATION: GIVEN STRONG PERSONAL FEELING OF MR. M'BOW ON SUBJECT MATTER AND THE UNWILLINGNESS OF ANY OTHER MEMBER OF THE HQ COMMITTEE TO OPPOSE THE DG ON HIS APPARTMENT IDEA PERMDEL RECOMMENDS THAT WE BE ALLOWED TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF PROJECT WHICH, IN ANY CASE, WILL BE

REPAID BY THE DG'S RENTAL PAYMENTS.

10. REPLY REQUESTED BY COB FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24.

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